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Dora Schriro, Director
Arizona Department of Corrections
1601 W. Jefferson Street
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Director Schriro:

I wanted to express my sincere thanks for allowing me the opportunity to serve on the Community Forum. The experiences and the understandings that I have gained are invaluable. I feel honored to represent my fellow inmates and know that my experiences at Perryville will only further my desire to be an advocate for the women who pass through its gates. The changes that we have seen over the last few years have been instrumental in encouraging the women to make good use of their time by giving them opportunities to learn and grow within a society that often encourages the opposite.

There is a bigger picture behind these walls. Empowering these women and giving them the confidence and the skills to be a productive member of society is an incredible start.

Your vision and your leadership are an active component in that goal. I applaud your efforts and believe in your message. I wish you continued success.

Sincerely,

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